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A PERSONAL NOTE: I am now playing the piano at the Yankee Silver-smith Restaurant in Wallingford on Rt. 5 right off the Merritt Pkwy. If any of you are in the area and would like to visit, I am there Wed-Sat. from 7:30-11:30. I do a musical trivia segment during the evening...Just a reminder. I omit the addresses of the publications I mention because all of the addresses were in an issue of HA a while ago. All new subscribers get this list. If anyone has misplaced this list or wasn't sent one, send me a SASE for a copy...I am still looking for listings by year and/or month of songs popular before 1940 with the performers. YOUR HIT PARADE list from 1935 doesn't have performers listed.

CONVENTION 1980: DATE: Oct 3rd and 4th..PLACE: Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, Ct..FRIDAY, the 3rd: \$10 which includes buffet supper and films ..SAT, the 4th: \$18 which includes all day and night activities plus buffet dinner. Rooms are \$37 and \$41. Deposit of \$25 must be made before Sep 19th. If you want a room, let me know and I will send you a reservation card. Make checks out to me-Jay Hickerson-and mail them to me. Ken Piletic, last Year's Allen Rockford Award winner, has already registered for Friday and Saturday. Send in your vote for this year's award. See January issue for more details...Roselle Scaduto, editor of the Big Bandwagon, wants to know if anyone took pictures of her booth at the 1979 convention. She would like copies.

IN FOND MEMORY: Jimmy Durante, Jan 28, 86; legendary all-media American entertainer who appeared in almost every type of show business. Mrs. Calabash, whom he referred to at the end of his programs, was the owner of a rooming house in Chicago where he and his first wife, Maude Jean Olsen, stayed for a while after they were married in 1916. Maude died in 1943...John Park, Dec 7, 45; Jazz alto saxophonist...Hal Biller, Dec 7, 60; television and screenwriter...Sarah Selby, Jan 7, 74; character actress in movies, radio (JUNIOR MISS) and TV (FATHER KNOWS BEST 1954-63)...Gregory Williamson, Jan 10, 73; song lyricist and radio show director. Wrote lyrics for "More Than You Know" and others...Barbara Britton, Jan 16, 59; Actress in movies and TV (MR. AND MRS. NORTH 1952-54)...Gerald Browne, Jan 12, 74; big band trumpet player...Jack Miller, Jan 12, 45; television writer...Robert Johnston, Jan 22, 75; big-band sax and clarinet player (D Ellington, C Webb, R Eldridge)...Andre Kostelanetz, Jan 13, 78; well-known conductor who made popular and light classical music part of his orchestra's repertoire...James McClintock, Jan 9, 79; drummer, singer who helped Fred Waring form the Pennsylvanians...Marie Gorman, 35; singer with the MARQUETTES...Vernice McAlpin, 61; country and western songwriter.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: THE THING WOULDN'T DIE is a new pub. written by Michael Ogden, 607 Collins Dr, Tallahassee, Fla 32303. It is devoted to the study and appreciation of radio thriller-chillers, past and present, and in particular I LOVE A MYSTERY. It comes out about 3 times a year and is \$6.00 a year or \$1.00 per issue. The first two issues are written now...WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Dec; articles on Agnes Mochehead, Helen Holmes, the silent serials...NATIONAL RADIO TRADER: winter; articles on Glenn Miller and Truth or Consequences...TAPE SQUEAL; Jan; article on care of records...Milwaukee Club Newsletter; Dec; articles on Phil Harris and rating shows...THE BIG BANDWAGON; Jan; articles on Eddy Howard, Van Alexander, Helen Merrill, Grigg Williams...COLLECTORS CORNER; Jan; articles on ILAM and equalizers.



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LOGS: Ray Stanich, 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201 has a log of TISH 1937038 for a SASE. Ray also has an updated listing of THE WHISTLER with more titles dated. Send him a SASE with 2 stamps.

NEWS OF THE PAST (by Ed Carr) In the mid 30's Wendall Hall made more than \$50,000 from his song "It Ain't Gonna Rain no More."...Tommy Harris, pint-sized tenor, recently added to the Fibber McGee show is a descendant of Mendelssohn...Sally of Cecil and Sally was portrayed by Helen Troy, last featured on the Eddie Cantor Show.

NEW ADDRESSES: Bruce Alves, Box 491, Twain Harte, Cal 95383.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Bill King, 3 Daniel St, St. Thomas, Ontario N5P2A5. Bill is interested in big band remotes and wants shows by Jan Garber, Eddy Howard, Chuck Foster, Jimmy Palmer, Dick Jurgens...Allan Long, 2967 Sam Miles Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589. Allan is very interested in Fibber McGee and Molly...George Smith, Box 84, Otterville, Ontario, Canada...C L Cutliff, 102-31W North, Bowling Green, Ky 42101...Glenn Ritter, Box 20061, Denver, Col 80220. Glenn has 40 complete 1947 CASEY CRIME PHOTOGRAPHER second generation which he wants to trade for material which is not widely circulated...Steve Hiss, 2337 SW Archer Rd #400, Gainesville, Fla 32608...Bob Mollieur, 202 Westford St, Chelmsford, Ma 01824.

Old Friends: Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, Pa 19512 has 18 discs of AUNT JEMIMA for trade plus many others...Frank Belcour, 121 Day St, Auburndale, Ma 02166 recently got two BBC shows: The Rescue of Mussolini by the German Army and The Story of Scotland Yard...Don Richardson mentions that THE SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY, started by Allen Rockford and himself, could be the oldest old-time radio show still running. It was started in June of 1973. Unfortunately Don is out of work again and will find it difficult in the near future to refund money to subscribers of NOSTALGIA RADIO NEWS. Walt Mitchell will be hosting THE SOUNDS OF YESTERDAY for a while also...Joseph Clemente, 63 Powder Hill Dr, Braintree, Ma 02184 would like to buy cassettes of SAM SPADE, THE BICKERSONS and QUIET PLEASE...Dick Hayes, 59 Myrtle Av, Cranston, RI 02910 still looking for proof that Kate Smith made movie shorts for Vitaphone in the late 1920's-early 1930's and any details. Also is there a complete KATE SMITH HOUR, 60 minutes with commercials. Also still looking for authentic SINGING SAM Barbasol program, complete with commercials...Martin Lewin, 8836 North Lincolnwood Dr, Evanston, Ill 60203 wants new series of DENNIS DAY now in circulation...Mark Dereng, 6701 N Edgebrook Ter, Chicago, Ill 60646 still wants the 5/13/72 and 5/27/72 programs of Dick Schaden's THOSE WERE THE DAYS...Alex McFee, Box 1105, Banning, Cal 92220 found that the post office lost several of his letters so if you are awaiting a reply from Alex, write to him because it may never have reached you...Fred McFadden, Box 40 RD 7 Townline Rd, Rome, NY 13440 still wants any material with Judy Garland and Lana Turner...Burt Brown, 566 Wayland Av, Providence, RI 02906 had such a good response for his Golden Age of Radio course in the fall that he is offering one for the spring semester at URI extension division...Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol, Westchester, Ill 60153 would like: MSTs-Broadway Melody of 1929; and Love Parade; Excellent copy of AIR ADVENTURES OF JIMMY ALLEN; Don would also like to know the title of the COLUMBIA WORKSHOP show in which a baseball hangs suspended over home plate. Is a copy available.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WAVZ, 1300, New Haven Ct is now broadcasting music of the 40's and 50's (The Music of your Life). Al Ham



is in charge of the syndicated series, MUSIC OF YOUR LIFE. Al was at our convention last year...Henny Youngman has completed taping a radio series for Charles Michelson titled TAKE MY WIFE..PLEASE. It was offered for market delivery during January. Package consists of 130 90-second shows...LOVE OF LIFE, television's second oldest soap opera, ended its 28-year run on CBS-TV Feb 1. CBS also has the oldest, SEARCH FOR TOMORROW, which started Sep 3, 1951...

LATE NEWS: Mark Dereng send me a 1½-page review of THE 1940's RADIO HOUR which opened at the St. James Theater in New York on October 7th, 1979 and closed on Jan 6th after only 105 performances. It is a well-written, critical review. If you want a copy please send me 25¢ plus a SASE...The flyers in this issue are from Ron Barnett and Steve Jelf (Radio West)...Ward Byron, 200 Ridge Rd, Douglaston, NY 11363 is looking for a special composer series of FITCH BANDWAGON which he produced. It was on for 13 weeks starting July 4th, 1943 and had Freddy Martin's Orch. A different composer was on each week and his music was featured. It played an additional 13 weeks on ABC, also sponsored by Fitch...Starting on Feb 26th, NBC TV will present a 90-minute weekly series THE BIG SHOW. This is NBC's first big push in the variety area. The last major variety show on NBC Radio was also called THE BIG SHOW. It was on in the 1950s and starred Tallulah Bankhead...NEW FRIEND: Dr. David Petersen, 4653 Hardwood Rd, Stone Mountain, Ga 30083...IN FOND MEMORY: Carl White, Jan 7, 48; Composer-singer; lead singer with the Rivingtons...Jack Bailey, Feb 1, 72; Best remembered as host for QUEEN FOR A DAY on radio and TV from 1944-64...Ray Heindorf, Feb 3, 71; longtime head of Warner Bros. music dept. and winner of 3 Academy Awards...Arnie Rosen, Jan 30, 58; writer-producer...Erle Kenton, Jan 28, 83; film and TV director...Bernhard Kaun, Jan 3, 80; film composer and orchestrator...Edward Garland, Jan 22, 76; New Orleans jazz bassist.

Have a happy Valentine's Day. Remember Jack Benny on that day also.

Write if you get work and Hang by your thumbs.

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4/8/50 Dimension X - The Outer Limits  
12/18/39 Smiling Jack (15)  
9/30/40 Captain Midnight (15)
- 2L 7/11/38 Mercury Theater: Dracula w/Orson Welles (60)  
9/21/48 Life With Luigi - Statue Of Washington
- 1R 9/20/46 The Smiths Of San Francisco w/William Holden(Audition)  
8/1/72 Dameron: A Spark Of The Sun - Nuclear Material Is Missing  
1/2/49 Jack Benny Show - First Show For CBS
- 2R - I Was A Communist For The F.B.I. - I Walk Alone w/Dana Andrews  
1/30/50 Mark Trail - Lumber King Of Timber Mountain  
4/3/49 The Martin & Lewis Show - w/Lucille Ball

# REEL 1201 BURNS & ALLEN 1800' (B+/A) (From Masters)

- 1L 2/27/47 Gracie Becomes A Business Executive With The House Budget  
12/4/47 w/Bing Crosby-Gracie Tries To Get Bing To Retire  
1/8/48 w/Jack Benny-George & Jack Dress As Gypsies(Funny)
- 2L 1/22/48 w/Walter O'Keefe-Recalling The Past  
4/22/48 George Doesn't Bring Gracie Any Flowers  
2/17/49 w/James Mason-George, The Cat Collector
- 1R 2/24/49 Gracie Wants George To Become A Doctor(Very Funny Show)  
3/24/49 w/Jane Wyman-Jane Is Nervous About The Academy Awards  
3/31/49 w/Jack Benny-Trying To Cure Jack Of His Cheapness
- 2R 9/25/49 Gracie Wants George To Court Her Again  
2/26/50 Preparing Income Tax Returns  
11/1/52 Gracie Tries To Paint A Masterpiece

# REEL 1227 OUR MISS BROOKS 1800' (B+) (FROM MASTERS)

- 1L 1/30/49 The School Savings Program  
2/6/49 The Missing Electric Heater  
10/2/49 A Rival School Wants Madison's Football Star
- 2L 10/23/49 Gifts For Mr. Boynton Upon His Return(Funny)  
11/20/49 Connie Tries For The English Department Chairman's Vacancy  
12/25/49 (Xmas) Surprise Guests At Christmas Eve
- 1R 1/15/50 The Superintendent Thinks Mr. Conklin Has Been Drinking(Very Funny)  
1/29/50 Mr. Conklin Holds Classes On Saturday  
3/11/50 Valuables Are Missing At Madison High
- 2R 5/28/50 Connie Must Appear In Traffic Court(Last Show of Season)  
9/10/50 Everyone Thinks Mr. Conklin Has Lost His Job (Lt. Sur Noise)  
10/1/50 Connie Thinks She Has The Measels

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The Tea Party  
Fortune Teller Predicts Death For Rich
- 2L Gem Film Studios Hire Rich  
Annual Motion Picture Ball(Hum/Elec. Static)  
Rich Becomes A Lifeguard
- 1R Trying To Get A Part In A Movie  
Rich Pawns Hugh's Watch  
Inventing Car Without Gas(X-Talk Last 5 Min)
- 2R Rich Tries To Impress His Girl's Mother  
Rich Changes His Name  
Uncle Orville Comes To Visit

# REEL 1241 JUDY CANOVA 1800' (B+/A) (FROM MASTERS)

- 1L 1/3/45 The Move To Brentwood  
6/19/48 Judy Auditions Acts For Her Summer Tour  
6/26/48 Getting Ready To Leave On Her Tour
- 2L 6/16/45 Judy's Horse Entered At Santa Anita  
6/23/45 Invited To A Hollywood Masquerade Ball  
6/30/45 Judy Returns To Cactus Junction
- 1R 8/28/45 Returns To Cal.....Entertains A Rich Man  
9/15/45 The Riding Club's Supper Picnic  
11/3/45 Judy Decides To Become A Musician
- 2R 11/10/45 The Soda Pop Contest  
11/17/45 The Football Contest  
12/1/45 Judy's Trip To New York

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\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: To preserve the best sound and to avoid X-Talk problems, both Left & Right (L&R) channels have been used for each program.

# REEL 404 THE BIG BAND COUNTDOWN 1200' (B)

## 1 L&R Third Week January 1941

- #10 Yes, My Darling Daughter-Dinah Shore
- #9 Along the Santa Fe Trail-Ray Eberly w/The Glenn Miller Orch.
- #8 There I Go-Vaughn Monroe
- #7 Stardust-Artie Shaw Orch.
- #6 A Nightingale Sang In Barkley Square-Ray Eberly w/Glenn Miller Orch.
- #5 Anvil Chorus-Glenn Miller Orch.
- #4 I Hear A Rhapsody-Bob Eberly w/Jimmy Dorsey Orch.
- #3 Scrub Me, Momma, With a Boogie Beat-Will Bradley
- #2 I Hear A Rhapsody-Charlie Barnet Orch.
- #1 Frenesi-Artie Shaw Orch.  
Plus 4 Big Band extras

## 2 L&R Third Week May 1953

- #10 Strange Things Are Happening-Red Buttons
- #9 Pretend-Nat King Cole
- #8 Anna-Silvana Mangano
- #7 Say You're Mine Again-Perry Como
- #6 I Believe-Frankie Laine
- #5 Doggie In the Window-Patti Page
- #4 I'm Walking Behind You-Eddie Fisher
- #3 Ruby-Richard Hayman
- #2 April in Portugal-Les Baxter Orch.
- #1 Song From Moulin Rouge-Percy Faith Orch. w/Felicia Sanders, Vocalist  
Plus 5 Big Band extras



# REEL 22 RARE MATERIAL 1200' (B/B+ AVG)

- 1L - - Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts: Lenny Bruce Contestant (5)  
12/31/41 The Easy Aces: The Community Play (14)  
11/9/51 Fred Allen:The Benny Roast (3)  
1/23/49 Mr. Feathers: w/Parker Fennelly (Lt. X-Talk)
- 2L - - Jack Kirkwood Show: Tonsorial Parlor (15)  
12/10/40 The Goldbergs: Three Episodes (12/10/40-12/12/40) (45)
- 1R 10/28/41 The Goldbergs: Bertha Visits Mr. Wey  
12/28/41 The Goldbergs: Mrs. Wey Causes A Scene  
12/23/41 The Goldbergs: Molly Opposes Mr. Wey's Marriage(Sur No)  
8/6/42 The Goldbergs: What Goes On Between Sammy & Emma?(Sur No)
- 2R - - The Danny Kaye Show: w/Sophie Tucker, Guest (AFRS) (C)  
6/6/46 Let Yourself Go: w/Milton Berle & Al Jolson

# REEL 410 THE BIG BAND COUNTDOWN 1200' (B)

## 1L&R Second Week December 1942

- 10 Moonlight Becomes You - Skip Nelson w/Glenn Miller Orch
- 9 There Are Such Things - Frank Sinatra w/The Pied Pipers
- 8 Juke Box Saturday Night - Tex Beneke w/Glenn Miller Orch
- 7 Serenade In Blue - Ray Eberly w/Glenn Miller Orch
- 6 Dearly Beloved - Skip Nelson w/Glenn Miller Orch
- 5 I Had A Dream Last Night - Helen Forrest w/Harry James Orch
- 4 When The Lights Go On Again - Vaughn Monroe
- 3 Praise The Lord And Pass The Ammunition - Kay Kyser
- 2 Mister Five By Five - Helen Forrest w/Harry James Orch
- 1 White Christmas - Bing Crosby  
Plus 4 Big Band Extras

## 2 L&R Fourth Week November 1938

- 10 Begin The Beguine - Artie Shaw
- 9 This Can't Be Love - Martha Tilton w/Benny Goodman Orch
- 8 Jeepers Creepers - Louis Armstrong
- 7 You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby - Edith Wright w/Tommy Dorsey
- 6 Two Sleepy People - Charles Wilson w/Sammy Kaye Orch
- 5 Heart And Soul - Bea Wain w/Larry Clinton Orch
- 4 A Pocketful Of Dreams - Bing Crosby
- 3 Change Partners - Bob Eberly w/Jimmy Dorsey Orch
- 2 Deep In A Dream - Helen Forrest w/Artie Shaw Orch
- 1 My Reverie - Bea Wain w/Larry Clinton Orch